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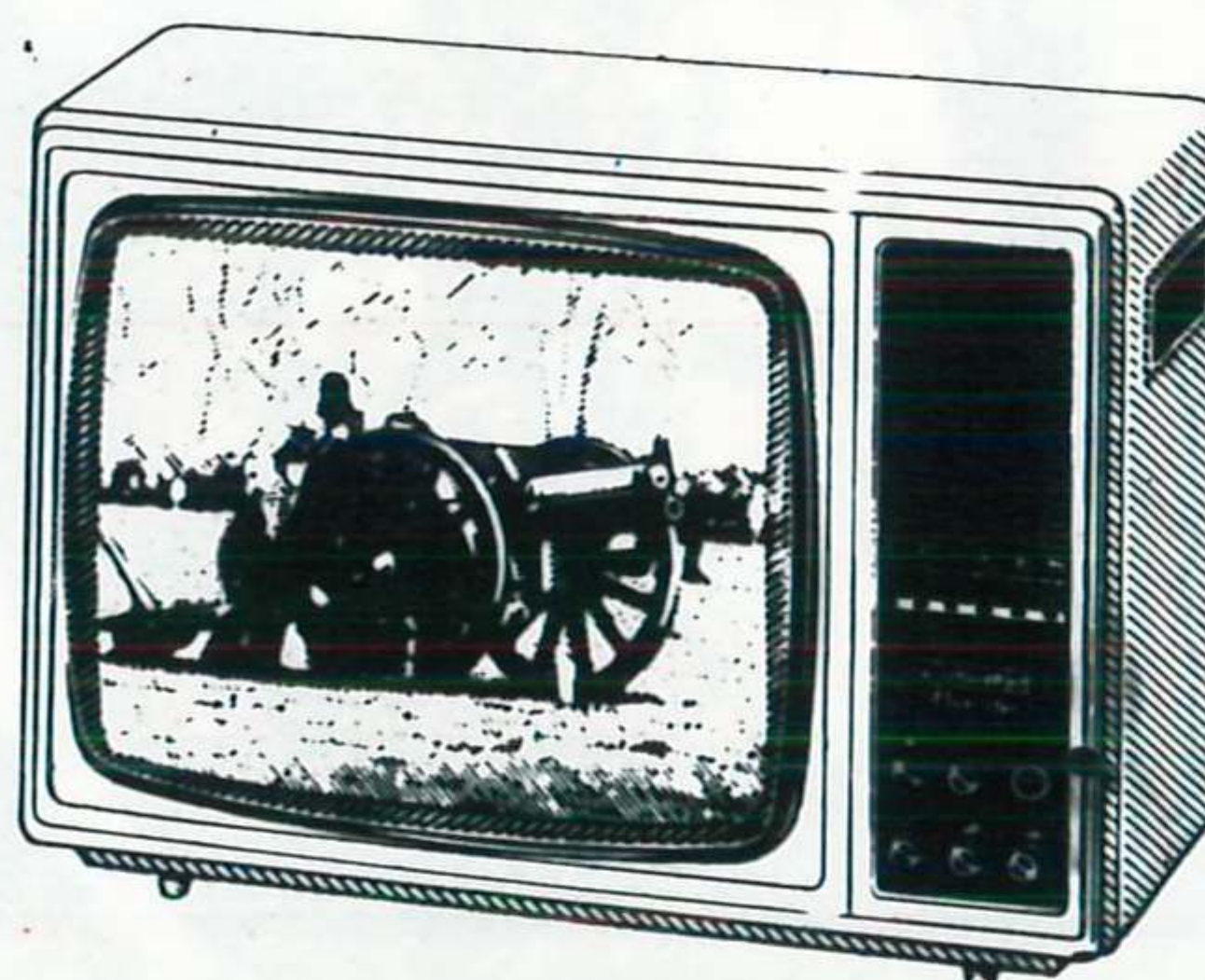
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Stan Anderson writes

I think the Football League club chairmen went as far as they could with their recommendations for changes in the game.

But I am sure the football managers, like myself, would welcome further changes if they were at all possible.

One of the main concerns of managers is the exposure of the game on television. The managers would like to see more action taken to reduce coverage, but with the League having an agreement until 1982 with the TV companies, they are right to honour it — there really was nothing more they could have done at the moment.

The chairmen might have gone a little bit further on the rewards for attacking football with the accent on scoring goals rather than a win being worth three points as they suggest. I would welcome a move to giving extra points for more goals scored — a point for two goals or more away from home and an extra point if you score more than three at home.

Mind you it's so easy to talk off the cuff like this. Everything would have to be worked out properly and all the avenues explored.

As for Sunday football I am sure the third and fourth division sides and some in the second would welcome the switch to Sunday soccer, but the big city clubs might not.

For instance, they would suffer because of transport difficulties. Public transport would have to be geared to catering for large numbers of fans on Sundays and that would mean a rethink by the transport people.

To clean up the game itself, the thing I would go for would be making deliberate handball — say when it is done to stop a player going clean through — a sending off offence at least, possibly with a goal being awarded as well.

It seems a ludicrous situation to me when a bloke is clean through and set to score that he can be pulled back or his shot handled on the line by a defender. It's completely against the spirit of the game.

I don't call this sort of thing a "professional" act, I call it cheating.

Yet players and managers operate within the laws as they stand. If a player knows he can stop a certain goal by handling or committing a blatant foul and only have his name taken, then that is what he will do.

But he'll think again if he knows the referee will award a goal anyway or send him off.

It's all part of integrity and fair play. I say give the referees the chance to use their own initiative.

Our Visito



CAMBRIDGE UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

*Front row, left to right, Steve Spriggs, Tommy O'Neill, Tom Finney, Dave Stringer, Graham Cox, Derrick Christie.
Middle row, George Reilly, Floyd Streete, Richard Key, Steve Fallon, Malcolm Webster, Lindsay Smith, Martin Goldsmith.
Back row, Doug Evans, Jamie Murray, Roger Gibbins, Ian Buckley, Dave Donaldson, Graham Watson.*

CAMBRIDGE SHOCK TEAM IN DIVISION 2

Cambridge United have become the shock side in Second Division football this season. The club that was only admitted to the Football League in 1970 and who gained promotion to the Second Division two years ago now stand on the brink of Division One!

Last season Cambridge achieved a club record by finishing eighth in the Second Division.

This term Cambridge have been proving their ability in the League Cup. They beat the holders Wolves, 3-1 at home and 1-0 away, and then proceeded to knock out another First Division side, Aston Villa (2-1) in the third round!

In spite of those successes, manager John Docherty still felt his side needed more punch in attack so last month he signed two proven goalscorers — John Lyons, from Millwall for £100,000, and Alan Taylor, from Vancouver Whitecaps for £130,000.

Cambridge have won two away League games — at Bristol Rovers (1-0) and Cardiff (2-1). They drew at Swansea (1-1) but

went down at Orient (0-3), Preston (0-2), Shrewsbury (1-2) and Blackburn (0-2).

In ten seasons as a League club, Cambridge have already enjoyed three promotion-winning seasons and, as if to ensure a variety of opposition for their fans, they have never remained static in any one Division for more than three seasons in a row. So, if the pattern continues, Abbey Stadium fans can anticipate promotion or relegation this season!

The club was originally formed in 1919 but they remained in amateur football until 1946. And it wasn't until 1958 that they gained admission to the Southern League.

In 1961 they won promotion to the premier division and the following season they won the Southern League Cup. A year later again, they finished runners-up in the Southern League behind their local rivals Cambridge City.

For many years United were considered the junior of the two Cambridge clubs. Talks of amalgamation never got very far

Cambridge Utd.

and it was usually City who were considered to have the best chance of getting into the Football League.

Yet it was United who ultimately forged ahead. They won the Southern League Cup again in 1965 and they took the Southern League championship for the first time in 1969. They repeated that feat a year later and promptly gained election to the Fourth Division of the Football League.

It took them only three years to gain promotion to Division Three. Sadly, they made an immediate return to the lower section but in 1977 they won the Fourth Division championship. One year later they finished runners-up in the Third Division to earn their first crack at Second Division soccer.

Unlike many clubs, who earned their place in the League through outstanding F.A. Cup performances, Cambridge United have never really hit the heights in Cup football. Until last season they had never survived beyond the third round of

the F.A. Cup and this season is the first time they have progressed beyond round two in the League Cup.

In view of the tremendous progress made by the club, it's a little sad that they don't receive somewhat better support. Last season was their best on record, though attendances averaged only 6,127. This season they have shown an encouraging increase to 7,194.

With such limited income from the gate, Cambridge are more restricted than most Second Division clubs when they have to go into the transfer market and it is only by selling a star player that they can go in for a really big signing.

Last season they sold striker Alan Biley to Derby for £450,000 and, even after paying Northampton £180,000 for his replacement George Reilly and later investing a further £50,000 in Millwall full-back David Donaldson, Cambridge still had quite a lot of cash to spare. That was why they were able to buy two more strikers last month.

MALCOLM WEBSTER (Goalkeeper). Malcolm is a former England youth international who made a few First Division appearances for Arsenal. He joined Fulham in 1969 and moved on to Southend four years later. He has been in the Cambridge goal since his transfer in 1976.

DAVID DONALDSON (Defender). Cambridge signed David from Millwall for £50,000 shortly before last season's transfer deadline. His first club was Arsenal, but he didn't play in their first-team. He was signed by Millwall in 1973.

LINDSAY SMITH (Defender). Lindsay served his apprenticeship with Colchester, making his League debut in 1971. He made well over 200 appearances for the Layer Road club then, following a loan spell at Millwall, he signed for Cambridge two seasons ago.

STEVE FALLON (Defender). Steve is a Cambridge discovery who made his bow in their League eleven in 1974/75. He was ever-present for two seasons until missing a couple of games at the beginning of last term.

DAVID STRINGER (Defender). David began his career with Norwich and played in two League Cup finals for the Canaries. After completing more than 400 League appearances for the Club, he was freed to join Cambridge in 1976.

IAN BUCKLEY (Defender). Ian opened his League career with Oldham in 1971/72 and later spent a loan period with Rochdale. He was transferred to Stockport in 1975 and two years later emigrated to South Africa. Cambridge signed him in 1978.

JIM MURRAY (Midfield/Defender). Jim worked his way through from the junior teams at the Abbey Stadium and took his place in the first-team in 1976/77. He earned himself a regular place two seasons ago.

TOMMY O'NEILL (Midfield). Tommy played as a part-timer for several seasons. Though he made his first League appearance in 1976/77, he earned a regular place in the side last season.

ROGER GIBBINS (Midfield). Roger didn't get into Tottenham's first-team and had to wait until joining Oxford before getting his League debut in 1975/76. At the end of that season he moved on to Norwich and, after a spell in the USA, he signed for Cambridge last season.

FLOYD STREETE (Midfield). Floyd developed in the junior side at Cambridge and signed as a professional for the club in July 1976. He made his first League appearance the following season.

STEVE SPRIGGS (Midfield). Steve's first club was Huddersfield and he made four League appearances for them during 1974/75. At the end of that season he was transferred to Cambridge and he has been in the side since.

DOUG EVANS (Midfield). Doug completed his apprenticeship at Norwich, made his League bow in 1976/77 and moved on to Cambridge last season.

TOM FINNEY (Forward). Tom has been capped by N. Ireland on 14 occasions. He left Crusaders to join Luton for £17,000 in 1973 but was sold to Sunderland for £70,000 a year later. He joined Cambridge in 1976 and has been a consistent scorer for them since. He has scored five times this season.

JOHN LYONS (Forward). John scored in his first two games for Cambridge United following his recent £100,000 transfer from Millwall where he was top scorer last season with 21 goals. He spent almost five seasons as a Wrexham first-teamer, topping their list with 13 goals in 1978/79. He was then transferred to Millwall for £60,000.

ALAN TAYLOR (Forward). Alan is another recent signing — from Vancouver Whitecaps for £130,000. After coming into prominence with Rochdale, Alan joined West Ham for £45,000 in 1975 and scored the goals that defeated Fulham 2-0 in the F.A. Cup final that year. Alan moved on to Norwich for £70,000 in 1979 and to the Whitecaps for £90,000 a year later.

GEORGE REILLY (Forward). George joined Northampton from Corby Town and made his League bow for the Cobblers in 1976/77. For the following two seasons he was their top scorer with 23 each time and Cambridge paid £180,000 for him last season when he scored 12 goals for them.

DERRICK CHRISTIE (Forward). Derrick was signed by Northampton from Bletchley in 1973 and served his apprenticeship with the Cobblers. He made some 150 senior appearances for that club before signing for Cambridge two seasons ago.

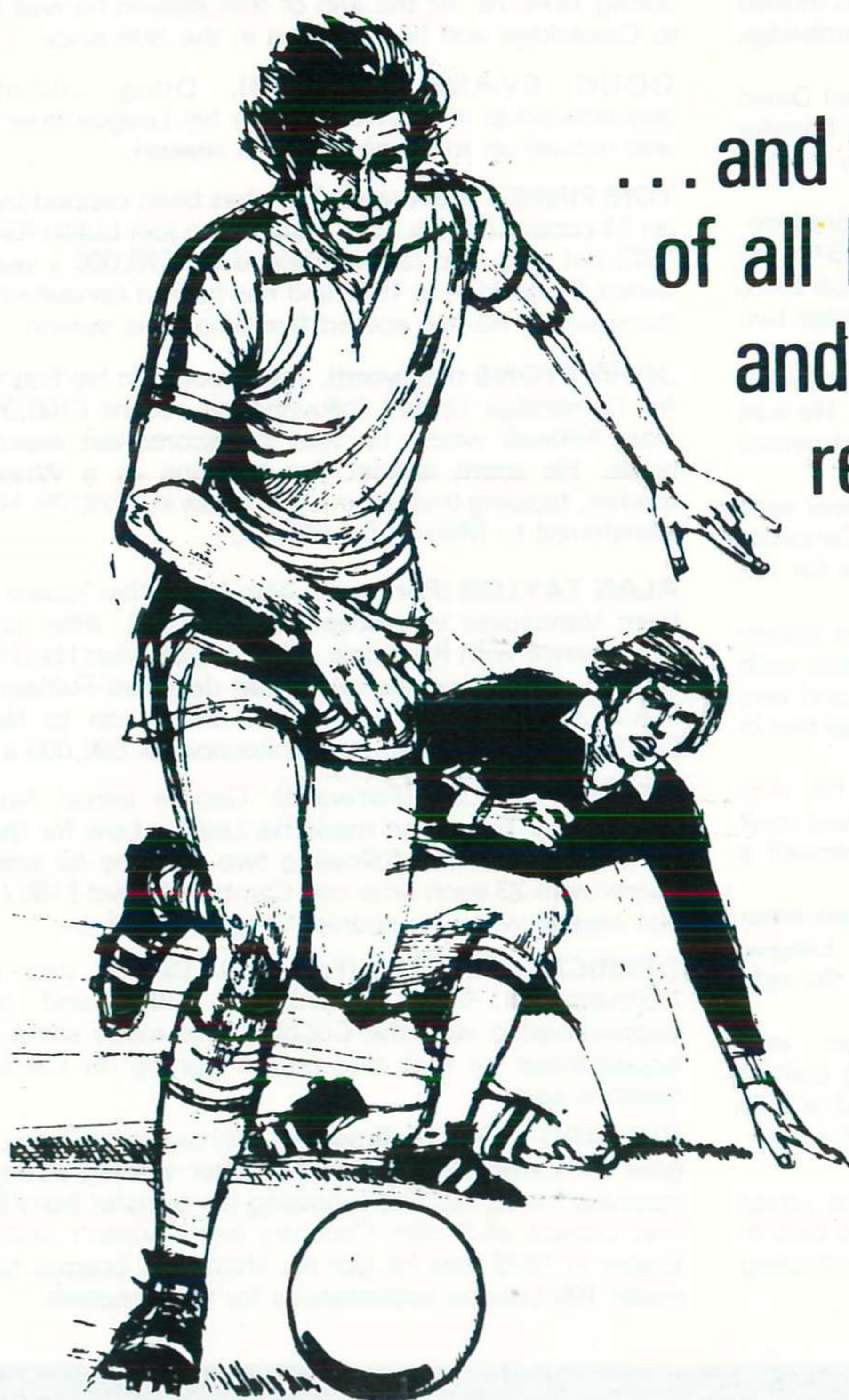
RICHARD KEY (Goalkeeper). Richard got his first chance in goal for Cambridge last month after waiting patiently in the reserves for 15 months following his transfer from Exeter. His first League club was Coventry but it wasn't until he joined Exeter in 1975 that he got his chance in League football. He made 109 League appearances for the Grecians.

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Club Scene

PRAISE FROM JOHN LYALL

John Lyall, the West Ham United Manager, had high praise for the way Wanderers played in last week's game at Upton Park.

Though they lost, Wanderers were given a great deal of credit by John for the way they played. He said Wanderers' had contributed to a fine game with their hard work at the back and their attacking 4-3-3 formation and had these words of comfort for the disheartened Bolton fans:

"They played well above their current position in the League. They are a good side and did a lot of good things in the game."

Television and newspaper men agreed that Wanderers had played a vital part in making the game such an attractive showpiece.

"UP FOR THE CUP"

Don't miss seeing Wanderers in their first Cup Final of the season on television tonight.

No, not in "The Big Match" but ATV's "Up for the Cup" variety show. This brand new television programme, hosted by Diddy DJ David Hamilton, a former director of Fulham, has proved a smash hit, particularly with Bolton fans who have seen Wanderers progress through the earlier rounds.

The four cabaret acts who have taken Wanderers to the final come face to face tonight with Charlton Athletic, who beat Norwich in last week's semi-final.

The loyal band of Wanderers fans made up of members of the Supporters Club and Travel Club have cheered the acts on throughout the series and will be in the audience again.

The four artistes, Barbara Law, Don Reid, Mark Ainsley and Peter Wallis, whose

polished acts have taken Wanderers into the final, were the stars of a variety night here at the Burnden Executive Club last week.

But there was no panel of judges to impress, unlike in tonight's final when the artistes will be judged by Tommy Docherty, Gordon Lee, John Barnwell and Ron Atkinson.

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY

International football comes to Burnden Park on Tuesday when Wanderers again play host to friends from Holland.

Dutch First Division side Haarlem are the visitors and the match kicks off at 7-30.

The match is a return fixture, Wanderers having played at Haarlem in a pre-season friendly in August, winning 1-0 thanks to a Neil Whatmore goal in the first half.

Fans will recall last season's friendly against Haarlem's distinguished neighbours Ajax — a match which although Wanderers lost, helped cement relations between Wanderers and our friends in Holland.

It also gave Bolton fans an insight into the adventurous qualities of Dutch soccer — qualities which run right through the domestic game in Holland.

Haarlem are no exception and those who remember the impressive display by Ruud Krol's Ajax last season can expect entertainment of the same quality on Tuesday.



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LESLIE VERNON continues his look at Europe's superstars
— the men who could make the World Cup Finals their stage.

This week **BERND SCHUSTER** (WEST GERMANY)



During the dismal European Championship Finals, there was just one player who brightened the depressing scene. He was Bernd Schuster, the 20 year old West German midfielder, who played in only two games, but gave a stunning performance in both of them.

Against Holland, he created the goals for Klaus Allofs, and in the Final when his country faced Belgium, his long-range shooting, excellent passing and all-round brilliance shone like a beacon.

"This is an exceptional player", said Lou Macari on the B.B.C. panel, and Mike Channon on I.T.V. paid him this



compliment: "I am looking forward to watching Schuster, he is a world-class player".

Schuster, born on December 22, 1959 at Ludwigshafen, began his football career in Augsburg. He played for a junior club in the district called Hammerschmiede, and later joined the local club F.C. Augsburg.

But it was at his youth club where he received his first soccer education, and he pays tribute to his coach and mentor there. "He taught me to be self-critical," says the West German international. "He never raved about the way I'd played after a game, even if we'd done well and scored a lot of goals. He was always looking for ways of making constructive criticism.

Even nowadays it stays with me. Even if I've had a good game, I'm never silly enough to sit back and tell myself so.

There's always something to improve on".

Schuster hadn't been progressing merely through the club system, his versatility — he could play either as a sweeper or a midfielder — caught the eye of the then national youth team manager, Jupp Derwall, and he gave him 10 youth caps.

The same Derwall was later appointed as successor to Helmut Schoen as national team boss, and it was he who first included Schuster in the full national squad, where he made his debut against the Republic of Ireland in a Dublin friendly, which was won by Germany 3-1.

From F.C. Augsburg, the young Bernd moved into the "Bundesliga" with Cologne, where he came under the watchful eye of one of the country's top coaches, Hennes Weisweiler.

He said: "Talents like this come along once in a generation."

The German Press was even more enthusiastic. One journalist wrote: "Schuster has the technique of a young Beckenbauer, the imagination of Overath, the toughness and the speed of a Schnellinger. He will be our ace in the pack during the World Championships in Spain 1982."

Schuster himself feels that there is a long way to go before he can be considered a complete player.

"It is easier to play sweeper than in the midfield", he says, "and I must improve my passing and my finishing. I do not score many goals".

Schuster pays a very high compliment to his English club-mate at Cologne, Tony Woodcock. "I've learned a lot from Tony — how to shield the ball from a defender for example. Also I admire the way he can take the ball under control at speed.

Another thing — when he loses the ball, there's no mistaking that he wants it back. I appreciate that. You get a lot of players who, when the ball's gone, lose interest in the game. Tony is not like that, and he has encouraged the rest of us. In fact, I think he's better than Keegan. He's faster and I think he's a better all-round team man."

Schuster is married to a beautiful model, Gaby, and has a small son called Benjamin. He drives a Porsche 911 sports car and his earnings are in the region of £400,000 per year, thanks to his new-found stardom.

He is very young and there is always a question mark against the names of players who hit the headlines at an early age. Will they develop on the right lines?

I have no doubts about Bernd Schuster, he is a sober young man, well aware of his exceptional talents and of the pitfalls facing him. One day, he would like to play for his "local" club, Bayern Munich, and he is a firm fixture now in the West German national team.

I am looking forward to seeing him play in Spain during the World Cup, because he is a rarity in present day football — an exciting individualist.

IAN BOTHAM

HOPES TO OPEN FOR SCUNTHORPE

Never before has a Fourth Division club been able to claim that they have the current England captain on their books, yet that is exactly the position at unfashionable Scunthorpe United.

The man in question is Ian Botham, England's cricket captain and footballer with the 'Irons'. He made his debut at Bournemouth last season when he came on as substitute with the team 3-0 down.

They fought back to 3-3 and manager Ron Ashman declares that Botham's competitive determination is contagious.

"He can play a bit," says Ashman. "He goes for goal and shoots for goal, he doesn't just blaze them high wide and handsome."

Ian Botham's prowess as a cricketer is unquestionable but how does he combine the two sports?

"It is not a case of splitting my cricket and football interests," he says, "because cricket is obviously my profession and therefore my living and certainly my priority."

"I think in my case both sports compliment each other. Certainly the football training has been beneficial to me. Apart from my recent back injury, which was due to very cold weather, I have been — touch wood — injury free over the three years I have been training with Scunthorpe."

LONG DISTANCE

"The training methods in the two sports are different. You see with cricket you are not preparing for 90 minutes to two hours, you are training for six to seven hours a day and there is always the mental side to consider. This is an area where I feel a lot of people come unstuck in modern day cricket, yet it is so important."

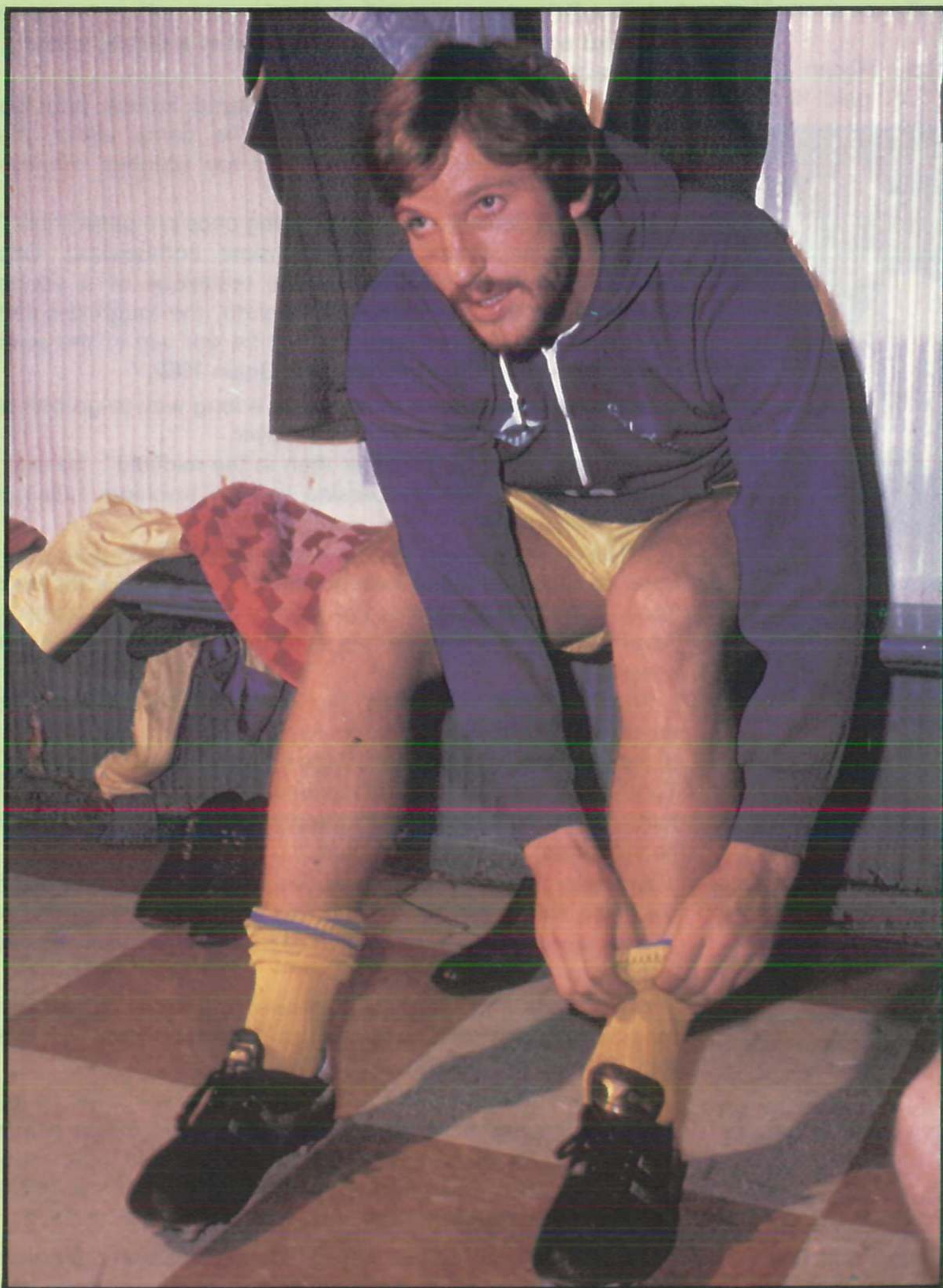
"It really is two different planets. I find that soccer training increases my stamina and keeps me in good tone. It is a little bit more pressurised than cricket and of course is also physical, which I like. I enjoy the game a lot."

"In football you only have to psyche yourself up for an hour and a half's work, whereas before a Test Match, there is a dinner the night before, then the night in the hotel so you can be under mental pressure for a long time besides the actual six hours of the days play."

"I find in football there are always periods when you can get a breather and I think most footballers would agree with me on that. At cricket that is not so easy, even if you have won the toss and chosen to bat and even if you are number six in the order. You still can't relax because you are concentrating on what the other guys are doing."

PATIENCE

"Okay you can have a little mental break between each ball but



Ian Botham debut for Scunthorpe United v Bournemouth April 1980.

it is different, very difficult to relax. Football on the other hand is more severe over a short period. When I came back to soccer this season I found it very hard to produce a 90 minute burst and maintain the pace for the whole game.

"Cricketers all have their own individual ways of gearing themselves up. Personally I try to watch television and just unwind. Some lads have a few beers — they are much more relaxed in that sense than footballers — but it is an individual thing."

Is there anything then that footballers could learn from cricketers?

"I think one thing and that is patience," is Botham's reply. "Cricket is much more a case of cat and mouse over a long period. You can be playing for five days against the same guys, and patience is essential."

"At football you tend to find an area of anxiety taking over especially if there is no score twenty minutes into the second half. Then everybody starts swarming around like bees, they are everywhere."

"I think that is why Liverpool have been so successful. They have patience, they keep building and rebuilding until they get the break. Top international sides play it in the same manner."

Botham has reached the top in cricket circles — you can't get better than captain of England. But does he nurture any secret ambitions in football?

"I just enjoy the game a great deal," he enthuses. "I had the choice at 16 of going either way. I chose cricket and I think I made the right choice. At the same time I don't see any reason why I can not enjoy soccer as well. I enjoy being with the lads, I enjoy the training and besides it gives me a goal, something to aim for."

"I probably get more enjoyment out of football because it is not my livelihood and there is not so much pressure on me. There again that does not make the game any easier."

Unfortunately Scunthorpe United are not likely to get much mileage out of their international celebrity this season as he is off on a three months tour of the West Indies in January.

"I shall be back for the promotion celebrations," quips Botham with his parting shot.



England captain Ian Botham cracks a 4 — Fourth Test England v West Indies.



AMERICAN SOCCER FANTASY OR FACT?

By Colin Benson

North America, the land of the big sell, the home of Disneyland and other fantasies such as Hollywood, is suddenly finding itself the victim of another charade, as its latest investment, Association Football, reaches a critical stage in its development.

We are continually being reminded by certain critics that the English game could learn one or two techniques, on the art of selling to the missing millions, from our trans-Atlantic cousins, who thirteen years ago focused their marketing expertise on the subject.

Whether you could sell the game over here the same way as you market a new brand of breakfast cereal is highly debatable and anyway have they succeeded?

That question is very pertinent. Because things in the NASL are not looking as good as perhaps they should. For instance only six of the 24 franchises can honestly claim to be financially viable, the others, just like clubs here, are scratching around to make ends meet.

Even ABC Television are reviewing their policy on coast-to-coast telecasts of league games because the viewing ratings are diplomatically described as 'disappointing'.

Football in the States of course is a far cry from the game played in the rest of the world. In their wisdom, the Yanks changed the rules a bit and even the markings of the pitch — to tailor the game to local needs — explains Phil Woosnam the commissioner of the NASL and a former Welsh international, who has been the leading light in the great American crusade.

UTOPIA

When launching the game on America, the promoters tried to create a sort of utopia, a situation where losers could become winners and so maintain their support. But instead of creating an

ideal atmosphere they have only succeeded in presenting a world of fantacism more akin to Mickey Mouse than a major sporting event.

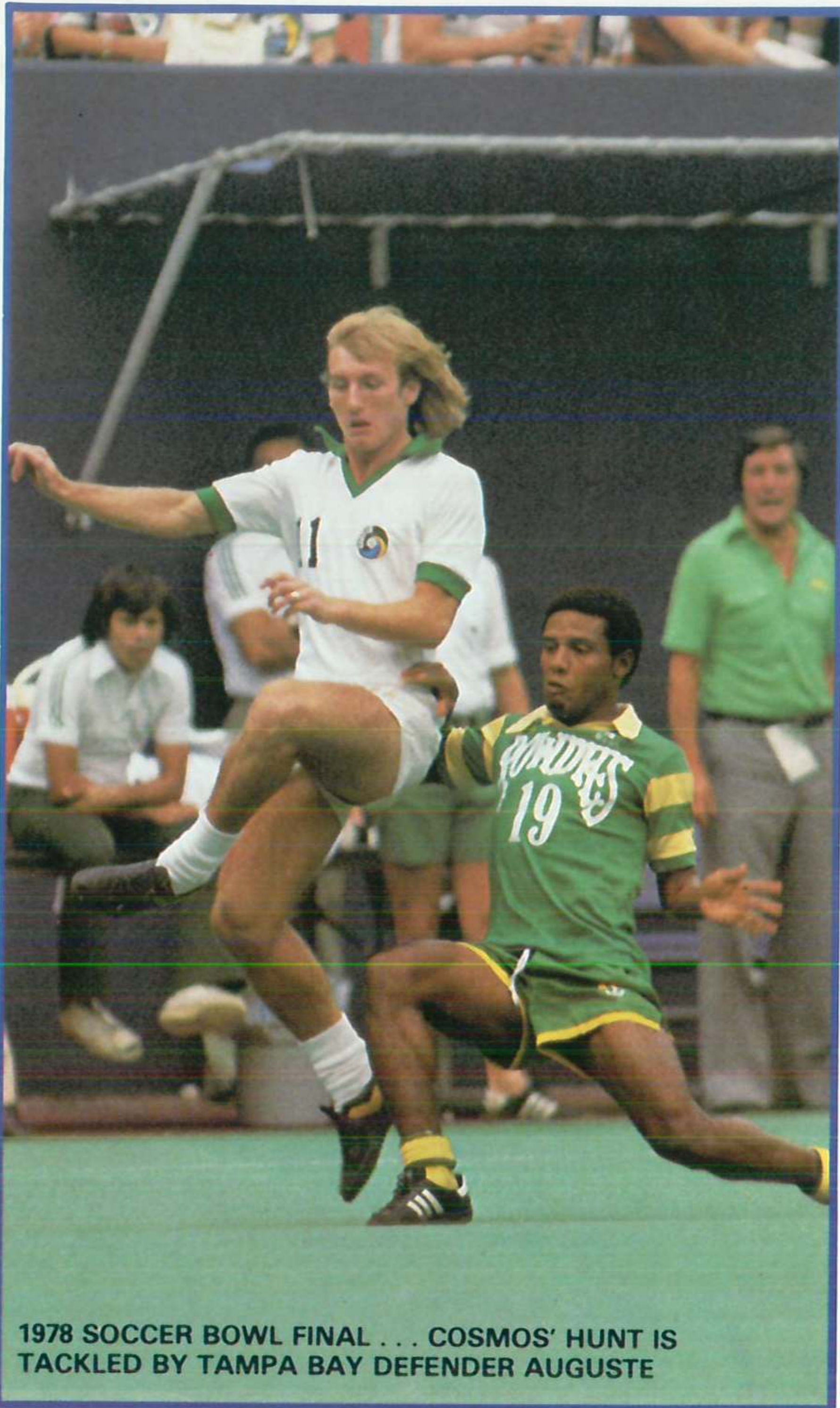
Take for example the semi-final play off of the American Conference just recently. In the first leg San Diego Sockers established a 6-3 lead over Tampa Bay Rowdies, but in the second leg in Florida Tampa replied with an emphatic 6-0 scoreline. Tampa go through on a 9-6 aggregate you might think. But no such thing. As both teams had won a game each, they were obliged to play half-an-hour extra time and when that did not prove conclusive they had a shoot-out which San Diego won.

The same fate befell Seattle, the team Alan Hudson, Bruce Rioch and Roger Davies are now starring for. They entered the play-offs with a record 25 wins behind them and after dismissing the Vancouver Whitecaps met the Cosmos. The New Yorkers took the first game 3-0, but Seattle came back with a 4-0 scoreline in the second leg. Again extra time failed to separate the two sides and the eventual shoot-out was decided when a penalty was awarded against the Seattle goalkeeper.

So once again a side that had won 4-3 on aggregate, found themselves the victims of a highly charged and unsatisfactory situation, that bears no resemblance to the way the game should be conducted.

No wonder many followers and even top name players have become disenchanted, for it is not only on this side of the Atlantic that there is a feeling of falseness.

I was at Scunthorpe United recently, watching a Fourth Division game when I was introduced to John and Jean MacNish, who are leading lights from the Detroit Express



1978 SOCCER BOWL FINAL . . . COSMOS' HUNT IS TACKLED BY TAMPA BAY DEFENDER AUGUSTE



COSMOS' WERNER ROTH AND FRANZ BECKENBAUER

supporters club. Jean a native of Liverpool, but now decidedly Canadian, told me that they had written an official letter to Phil Woosnam explaining in no uncertain terms that Detroit and their feeder league clubs were against the shoot-out principal and would prefer to have a system that allowed for drawn games.

MERCENARIES

The commissioners reply evaded the question, but he won't be able to avoid it always because there are many Americans who believe that the NASL should now reform and come in line with the rest of the game.

The American circus has been kept alive by ageing imports from Europe and South America, soccer mercenaries more intent on the dollars they earn than the game they perform. This season it is true the authorities have insisted that every team fields at least three home grown players in an effort to infuse Americans into the game. Yet even that rule has been flaunted with clubs utilising Europeans who have earned American citizenship.

True the game is not so rife with former super-stars as it was and even Dutch star Rudi Krol, signed by Vancouver last spring on a million dollar three-year contract, has already exclaimed that he is disillusioned by it all. But even so the razamatz continues to dominate at the expense of the principles of the game.

The rules, the pitches — some clubs play on grass others on synthetic surfaces — and incompetent officials all add to the growing misgivings of a public that has not answered the call in quite the fanatical way that was perhaps envisaged.

"What we need is some good referees," pleaded Jean MacNish who explained: "You know what the fans do over there is take the matter in their own hands by carrying their own yellow cards.

"If one of our players is fouled you get a few hundred fans standing up to show the yellow card and some of the cards are three foot square. If the ref does not oblige then they show him the reverse side of the card which will contain statements like, 'kill the ref', and other similar provocative demands."

Yet the NASL have some 700 officials from all over the world on their lists.

Frustration is also felt by club officials who complain that they can not compete with New York Cosmos, who walked off with the North American Soccer championship for the third time in four years with a 3-0 victory over Fort Lauderdale Strikers. One official explained to me "Even if Cosmos sold their stadium out for every game they would still lose 2.5 million dollars a year because of the astronomical wages they pay their players. It is written off against tax for Warner Communications, so how are we supposed to compete."

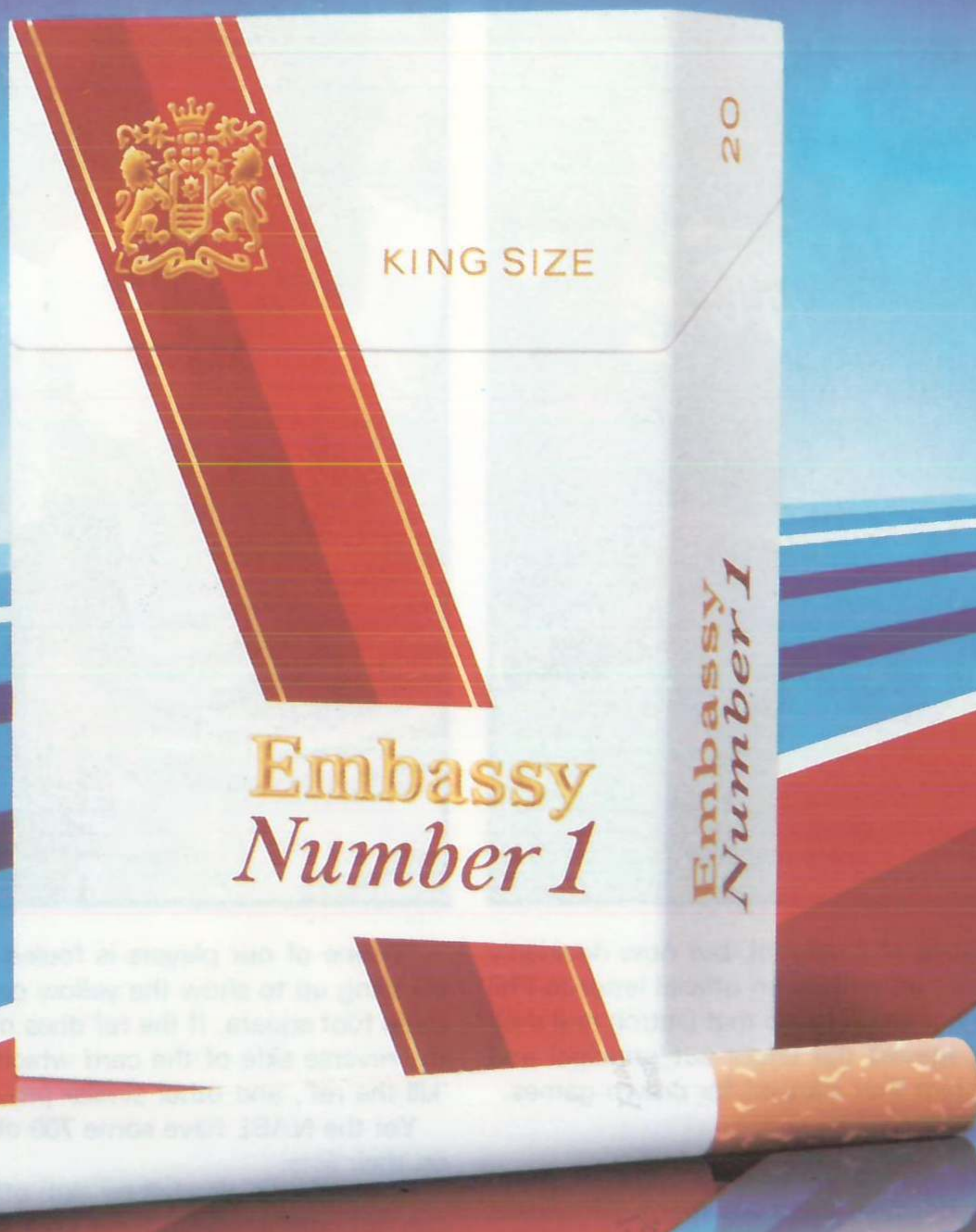
Take Detroit Express. They play in a superb 80,000 seater stadium and although they have 32,000 children, both boys and girls registered for coaching, they only attract an average of 10,000 people to their games.

"If we can get the children interested then they will bring the adults," says Jean MacNish, whose problems seem the same as most clubs experience here.

As I said earlier, soccer North American style is at the cross-roads. Whether their game can survive in an aura of irrelevance I don't know.

Is it Disneyland or credibility as a world football nation, that Phil Woosnam and his committee are after? Certainly it seems that the time has come for some straight answers to be given and they are going to have to be the right solutions if America's aspirations to win the World Cup are ever to be fulfilled.

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TALKS FOOTBALL

I shall be going back to South America at the end of this year, but don't worry it will be only for a few weeks.

You see I have been asked to join the Argentine national squad that is to compete in Uruguay in their World Cup 50th Anniversary tournament in December.

Uruguay won the very first World Cup tournament, which was staged in their country in 1930 and they invited all the former winners of the trophy to compete in this celebration in Montevideo.

They will be all there except England, who have been replaced by Holland because the Football Association can not get the release of the players from the clubs.

I think that is very sad because this by nature of the teams competing; Brazil, West Germany, Uruguay, Holland, Italy and of course the current world champions, Argentina, has become a very important competition.

The experience of playing top class national teams under competition conditions will be invaluable for players who hope to compete in the World Cup finals in Spain in two years time.

England have definitely missed out by not accepting the invitation, although of course you have to respect the positions of the clubs here.

The tournament takes place at the same time as the final stages of the domestic competitions at home in Argentina, but the national team manager Cesar Menotti thinks that it is so important for his preparations for the defence of the World Cup, that it has taken precedence over all other games.

A country's domestic football gets a lot of prestige from a successful national team and I think if England want to regain their former prominence at this level they will have to give Ron Greenwood's team priority.

Menotti has called up three of us exiles, Bertoni, Kempes and myself and I must say I am very happy to be able to play again for my country. It is the best thing that has happened to me and I am so proud to be in the team.

It is obviously going to be extremely difficult because we have Brazil and West Germany in our group and I particularly admire the Brazilian game. But we will do our best to prove that Argentina are still the best.

Of course it is a pity I shall miss so many of Spurs games but I am extremely grateful to manager Keith Burkinshaw for agreeing to let me go, it means an awful lot to me to play for Argentina.





RON GREENWOOD FOR SWEEPER

"GO CONTINENTAL — British is not best any more claims Ron." Such were the typical headlines in the popular press following the after match briefing after England had disposed of Norway 4-0 at Wembley.

What had got the scribes so excited, was England manager Ron Greenwood's comment that it was his belief that the national team need to adjust their style and play with a sweeper.

The extraordinary thing about all the hooey was, that this was no new burst of idealism on the part of the England boss but just confirmation of the system he had adopted to some degree in the European Championship Finals in Italy, last June.

Indeed at the post-mortem press conference that followed England's elimination from that competition, Ron disclosed, beneath the burning Mediterranean sun, that he had come to the conclusion that a sweeper was a vital necessity at that level of the game.

He said: "When playing abroad you need a free man at the back. It is an essential part of international football these days, to have someone who can play that role.

"Phil Thompson has done it very well out here and I only hope that back home at club level, some coaches will cultivate those type of players."

The system has been adopted successfully by the England Youth team under John Cartwright, but as

Ron points out so shrewdly; "football is all to do with players and if the players do not emerge there is nothing you can do about it.

Tactics and ambitions become meaningless.

"Every national team manager in the world is dependent on what happens at club level. It is all down to managers and coaches to bring players up correctly."

TACTICAL

The tactical success of Phil Thompson in Italy gave Ron Greenwood immense pleasure, but how did the man who performed the role see it?

"Ron was very flattering really and I must admit I enjoyed the whole thing of playing as a sweeper," says Thompson.

"It was something different to playing for Liverpool where we are more square. Everybody knows that and tries to suss us out, yet we have had the best defensive record at Liverpool, for the past I don't know how many years.

"But it was great playing as a libero for England. I was not too far behind the other defenders, it was only about five yards, whereas the Germans and the Dutch play about 15-20 yards behind their defences. It was something different for me and I enjoyed it.

"The whole thing just sort of happened. We had not worked out anything in training,

PHIL THOMPSON

WOOD ASKS ING CHANGES

By Colin Benson



Ron Greenwood just came up and spoke to me before the game with Argentina. He said: 'Phil play a bit deeper than normal — not too far back because that will mean Ray Clemence will have to go further back to his goal line, just give us a bit more depth.'

"I said. 'Okay I will give it a go.' And as you saw it worked very well in the Argentina game, and now before every match Ron just says: 'and again Phil give us that little bit of depth. Not too square just push Dave Watson into the forward man and if he drops off tell David to go with him all the way, while you remain as cover.'"

ADVANTAGE

Ron Greenwood has obviously put great emphasis on this strategy, but just what is the basic advantage of employing a libero?

The Liverpool skipper answered: "I think Ron is right. If you look at the other teams who have won the World Cup, like West Germany and Argentina, you will see that they have all played with a libero. You see in international football they have players who drop off into the midfield and make dangerous runs from deeper positions. When you have a square defence that can be lethal.

"I have seen it happen so often, even at club level where our own Terry McDermott is a fine example. When he makes runs from deep positions he causes havoc throughout the defences in the First Division.

"It is a similar thing at international level. No one likes to come out and stand there with three front men, with your two full-backs and the centre-half picking them up. What happens is, when they lose the ball all of them drop off and retreat more or less into their own half of the field. And when they do get the ball back again they have these fellows running at you.

"A good example is Belgium's Francois Van der Elst, who always plays deep, yet makes countless runs through into the opposing penalty area.

"I think Ron wants me to utilise the extra depth to stop this happening. I stay off while Dave Watson goes in amongst them. I think it worked a treat because everybody was wise to us playing very square and Ron was a little worried that we might be taken advantage of."

NO CHANGE

The system has been proved to work at international level, but does the fair haired Thompson see League clubs eventually adopting a libero as part of their standard play?

"I think there might be changes but they will be very

slight," he suggests. "For instance I will still play my normal game for Liverpool, playing off Alan Hansen, because that system is ideal for us. It suits our game and has been successful."

I suspect that the major factor why League clubs will not alter their methods is simply because there is no need to. You see there are not many mid-field players accomplished enough to attack from deep positions and if that is the case, then why make contingency plans to deal with it. Phil Thompson supports that conclusion when he explains:

"In the League you have forwards who will stand up alongside you. There are always two or three men up all the time, as there are not the extra men left in midfield to come and run past you. As a defender you have always got your eyes on them.

"That is probably the main reason why things will be slow to change here. English clubs will continue with four across the back.

"Abroad once you have lost the ball they drop right back and you don't know whether they are going to strike from the left or the right, so defensively you have to be prepared for this. Kevin Keegan tells me it is an unbelievable situation in Germany. He says you are just playing football in each others eighteen yard areas."

So on the face of it, it seems highly unlikely that the Football League will oblige Ron Greenwood by taking up his request for clubs to produce this type of player, that is unless the English game evolves towards a more continental pattern.

As Ron Greenwood continually remarks: "Football is always evolving. Around players, around managers, around tactics. That is the beauty of the game."

Already this season Keith Burkinshaw the manager of Tottenham Hotspur — who incidently was one of the few English managers who took the trouble to travel to Italy — has experimented by playing Steve Perryman as sweeper.

The Spurs boss does not see it as a retrograde step, far from it. "It simplifies things for the defence and yet gets things happening from the back by allowing full-backs more scope to get forward and play almost as a winger," he says.

"I can't see why we can't do it as well as the Germans," he continues. "They do it well and are not defensive with it."

Of course to work the system correctly requires midfield players to pick up and stick tightly to opponents. The West Germans were particularly good at that, but are we? If Ron Greenwood does manage to change our style then he will not have been the first. Sir Alf Ramsey dispensed with wingers in 1966 and won the World Cup. If Greenwood does as well, then who will challenge his strategy then?



THE ANGLO SCOTS

Jim McDonald continues his series with a look at

ALLAN EVANS

There is not even a hint of objection from Aston Villa defender Allan Evans when he finds himself being compared to fellow Scot Gordon McQueen. In fact, quite the opposite.

While some players openly resent comparison with others, preferring to be individuals in their own right, Evans sees it as a compliment that observers have spotted definite similarities between them.

"I've always followed big Gordon's career with interest," says Evans. "He went south to Leeds for a small fee and since then I kept an eye on his progress. If people think I'm in the McQueen mould I'm flattered."

The two players' careers have taken similar twists from comparative obscurity north of the border and now they find themselves in direct opposition for a place in the squad Jock Stein is building and which already has one foot on the road to Spain for the World Cup finals in 1982.

McQueen, a £500,000 buy from Leeds, has added strength to a Manchester United rearguard while, more recently, Evans has performed a similar role for an Aston Villa side fast emerging as Championship contenders.

Says Evans: "I haven't really thought all that much about winning Scotland honours but I'm aware that there's been a bit of talk about the possibility. I'd be very proud of any international caps I might win but I'm not sure if there's a good chance of it happening."

"The longer I can keep Villa up there at the top of the First Division the better and maybe I'll get a chance. I get quite a lot of telephone calls from the Press lads in Scotland and I'm well aware how they can push certain players indirectly."

Evans came south without the handicap of a telephone number transfer fee hanging round his neck. He cost Aston Villa a very modest £20,000.

DISCOVERY

Villa may well have been under the impression that he was a goalscoring centre-forward but soon discovered his true worth was as a stopper. Explains Evans: "I was a centre-half at Dunfermline for three years and then our centre-forward picked up a bad injury."

"They couldn't afford to buy a replacement and moved me up front. I did quite well and scored a hat-trick the day Villa sent a scout to watch me but I always thought of myself as a defender and I'm pleased the boss agrees."

But such is the Evans goals record that he is really a

two-in-one player. Last season, for example, he grabbed eight league goals, just one fewer than top marksman Gary Shaw, from corners and free-kicks.

A full-time player at the age of 16, Evans had to switch to part-time in Scotland when Dunfermline could no longer afford the playing staff wage bill. He took a job as a representative for a firm of insurance brokers and never gave much thought to the possibility of ever reverting back to earning a living from the game.

But the move to the Midlands soon changed all that and now Evans, married with a two-year-old daughter and another baby due in November, is enjoying life at the top.

IMAGE

"It took me a while to adjust to the game down here," he says in an accent almost identical to that of his defensive colleague, Ken McNaught, who was born just a few miles away in Kirkcaldy.

"To be perfectly honest I wasn't anything like fit when I first arrived at Villa Park. I thought I was but I soon got found out. But once I'd put that right and got used to the pace of the games I was okay."

Evans, apart from becoming a more accomplished defender, is keen to clean up his image as a "bad boy" after several skirmishes with referees. Indeed, he started the current season under the cloud of a suspension left over from last term.

"I want to cut out the bookings for dissent," he says. "Okay, being a defender means I will probably pick up a booking here and there for mis-timed tackles but I will just have to keep my mouth shut when decisions go against me."

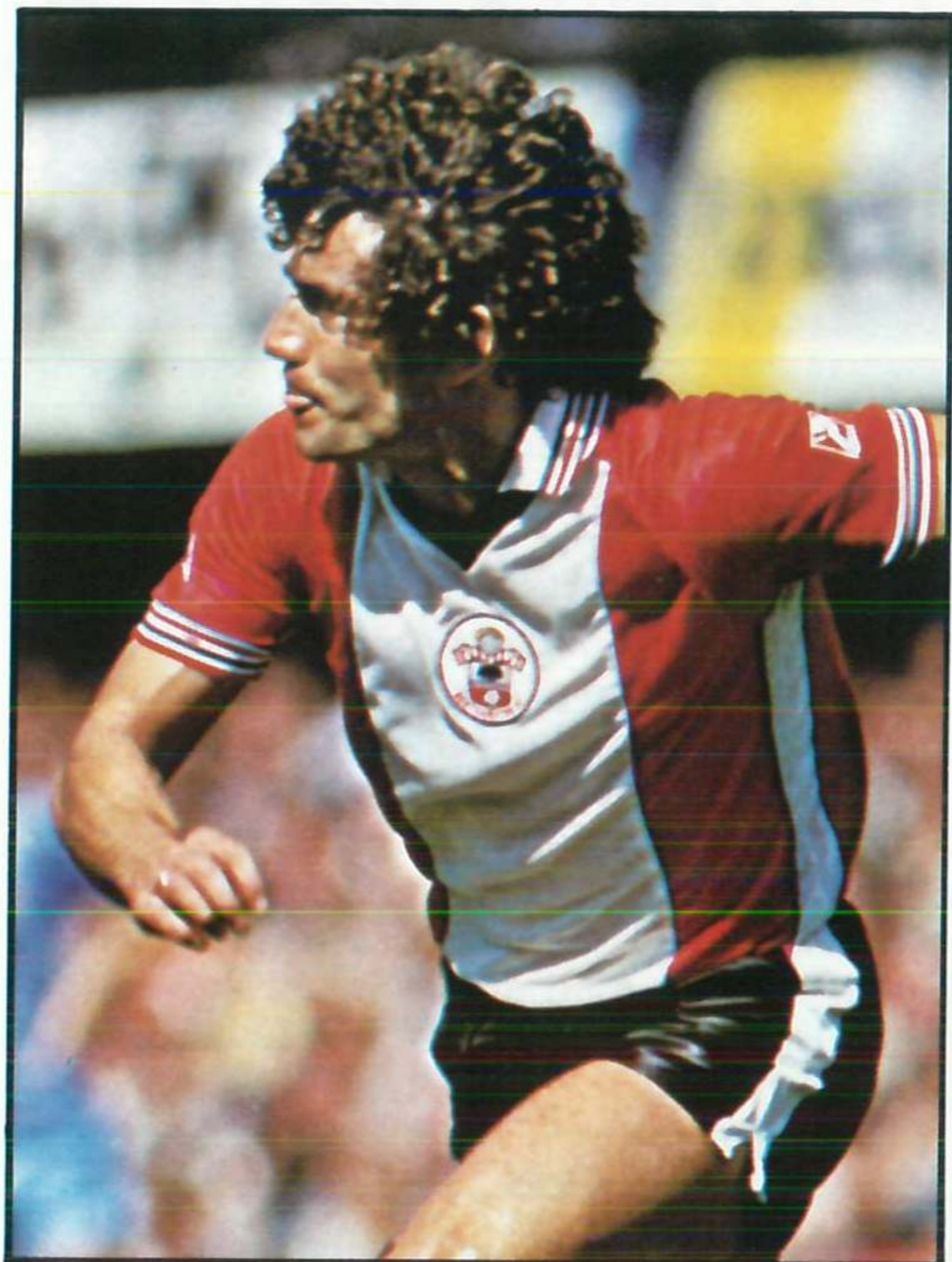
"I've been sent off three times since I joined Villa. At first I was so keen to impress that I was probably over enthusiastic but by last season I felt referees were beginning to keep a special eye on me."

"Being suspended is no good to me. Apart from the fact that it won't do my Scotland chances any good I could have a problem getting back into the Villa side again."

Evans is at his best attacking the ball in the air and admits that he would much rather face big strikers like Joe Jordan or Bob Latchford than the smaller, more nimble attackers such as Eric Gates or Steve Archibald.

"The way I see it my height is my biggest asset along with my natural ability and my pace. A lot of defenders struggle for speed but I've worked hard on this and I'm two yards faster as a result," he says.

GERMANY BENEFITS FROM OUR EXPERIENCE



KEVIN KEEGAN the soccer super star who has made the world his stage, is now enjoying life at the Dell, Southampton's homely yet cramped stadium on the south coast.

After his successful spell with Hamburg, Kevin explains how German fans have benefited from the experiences of British clubs.

"I don't want to be accused of knocking English football, we started it off," claims Keegan. "But like anybody who is first in, we made a lot of mistakes."

"At the time it seemed right to situate the stadiums in the city centres, because people did not have to go far to get to them. But now you have 60,000 people converging on Anfield on a Saturday afternoon and there is not a car park big enough for 20,000."

"People don't walk to the game like they used to. But they can't get a bus, they can't park their car and sometimes they will think twice about coming."

"Now the German's look at the position sixty years later and said, 'right we will put our stadiums out of the city, near the Autobahn, with tube train facilities and ample car parking space and we will provide lots of seats for the supporters.'"

"To be fair they had looked at our game and taken all the good points and combined them to their own ideas to come up with the answers. We did not have that advantage."

"The German stadiums are modern but they are owned by the State. The clubs just use them for matches and training and so do not have the mammoth costs of upkeep, that English clubs have to bare."

"Of course the fans pay more for their football. At Hamburg it would cost more to stand than English fans pay to sit. Mind you they don't get any aggro from the crowd. They can buy beer, but if you are English you would be disappointed with the atmosphere."

"It is pleasant enough and you can watch the game in comfort with the knowledge that you will not get a dart in your head. You can take the wife and family and have a good afternoon with maybe a youth game or a veterans match as a preview. But there is something lacking, it isn't like here."

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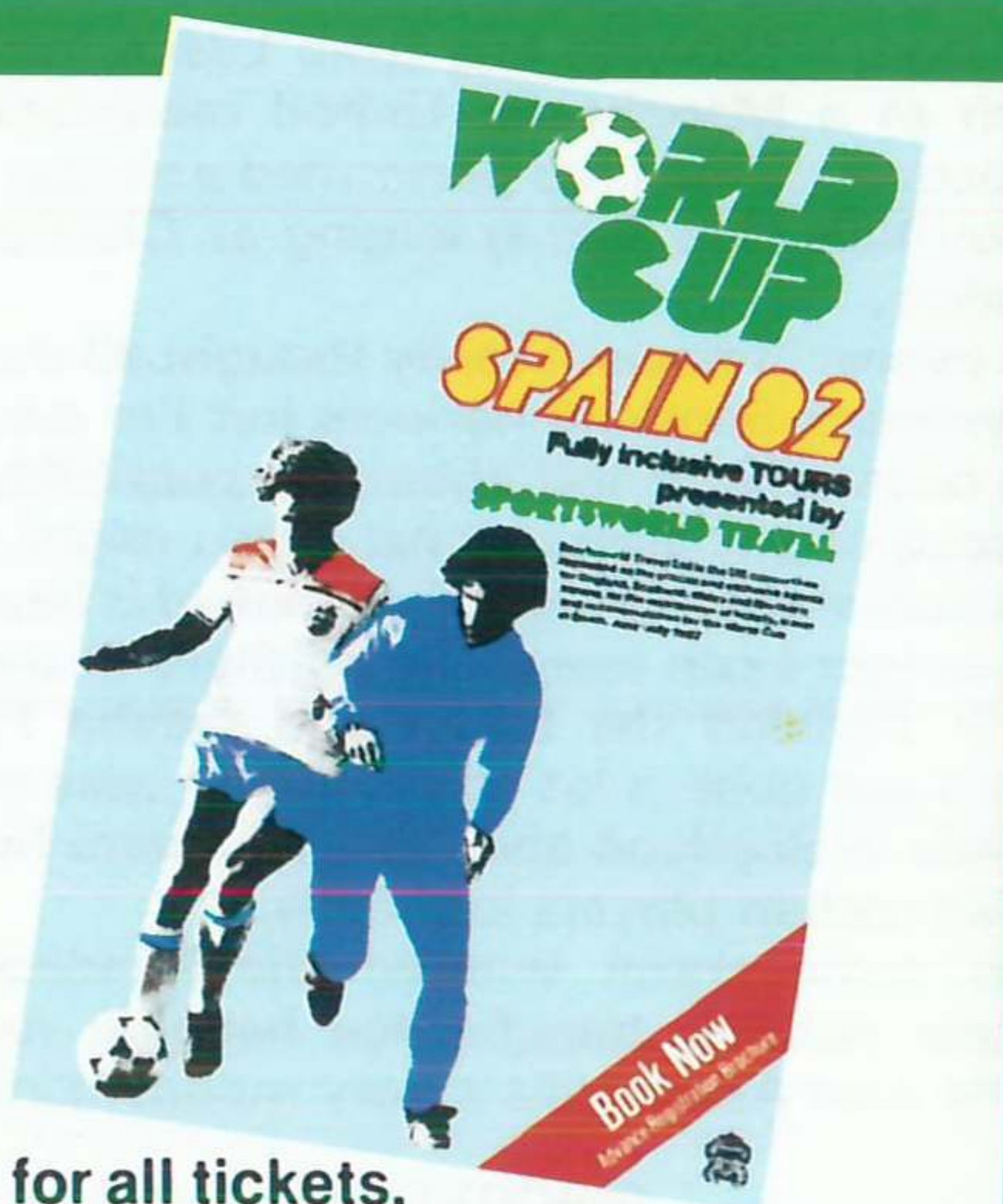
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TONY DOYLE shocks the world

By Winsor Dobbin

Britain's Tony Doyle sped to a remarkable triumph in the 5000 meter pursuit at the world cycling championships recently, underlining the inroads the English-speaking nations have made in a sport traditionally dominated by continental Europeans.

Doyle, riding in his first major championship as a professional, became Britain's first world champion for seven years.

With American riders dominating the women's events and the rugged Australians collecting two titles, the Europeans had an unhappy time of it.

Cycling is probably the second most popular sport in Europe — after soccer — and more than half a million fans watched last year's world championships in Holland.

In France, Holland and Belgium the top riders are given superstar treatment, and the top races are front page news in the daily papers.

The attendance at this year's road championships at Sallanches, in the shadow of the Alps, was deemed disappointing — a mere 150,000. The French fans were given a real treat, however, as national hero Bernard Hinault, a two-time winner of the Tour de France — scored a thrilling victory.

TREND

The French did not have much more to cheer, while the Dutch slumped to defeat after defeat on the track at Besancon.

Beth Heiden, former world speed skating champion and sister of multiple Winter Olympic gold medallist Eric Heiden, won the women's road race with a gutsy display on a course described as the toughest for 20 years.

The little American, who only took up cycling three years ago, left a string of top continental women in her wake, setting a trend that extended right through the track championship.

Sue Novarra, another American, won the women's sprint by defeating Galina Tsareva of the Soviet Union 2-0 in the final. Tsareva had been bidding for a record seventh title.

Danny Clark of Australia, a tough Tasmanian, won the keirin final, and Phil Sutton, another Australian, took the amateur points race despite falling from his bike on the last lap.

EXAMPLE

It was Doyle's victory, however, that really served to underline the progress being made by the non-continentals.

The 22-year-old Surrey rider was surprised by his own success, and his victory served as a stern rebuke to the British Olympic selectors, who failed to name him for the individual pursuit at Moscow.

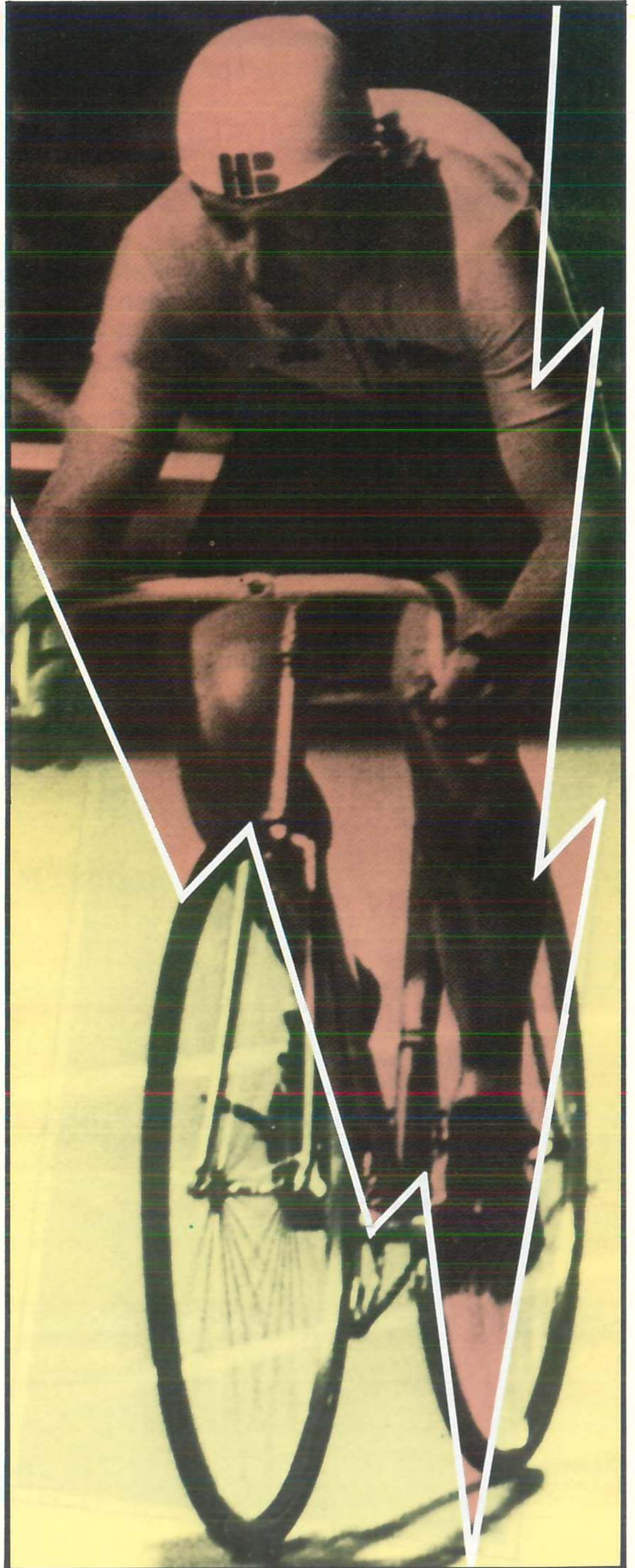
That slap in the face convinced Doyle it was time to turn professional. It proved a wise decision.

His flamboyant, aggressive style quickly endeared him to the knowledgeable French fans. He defeated reigning champion Bert Oosterbosch of the Netherlands in the quarterfinals and trounced another strong, experienced Dutch rider, Herman Ponsteen, in the final.

"I think the professionals were just as surprised as I was," Doyle joked after his victory.

If the continentals underestimated the challenge from the Commonwealth and America this time round, they certainly won't be making the same mistake again.

With Japanese ace Koichi Nakano winning the sprint for the fourth straight year and a Czech pair taking the tandem title, the Western Europeans won less than half the titles that were contested.



Britain's Tony Doyle speeds towards the Gold Medal and the World Champion's Title.

There is still room for the traditional centre~forward

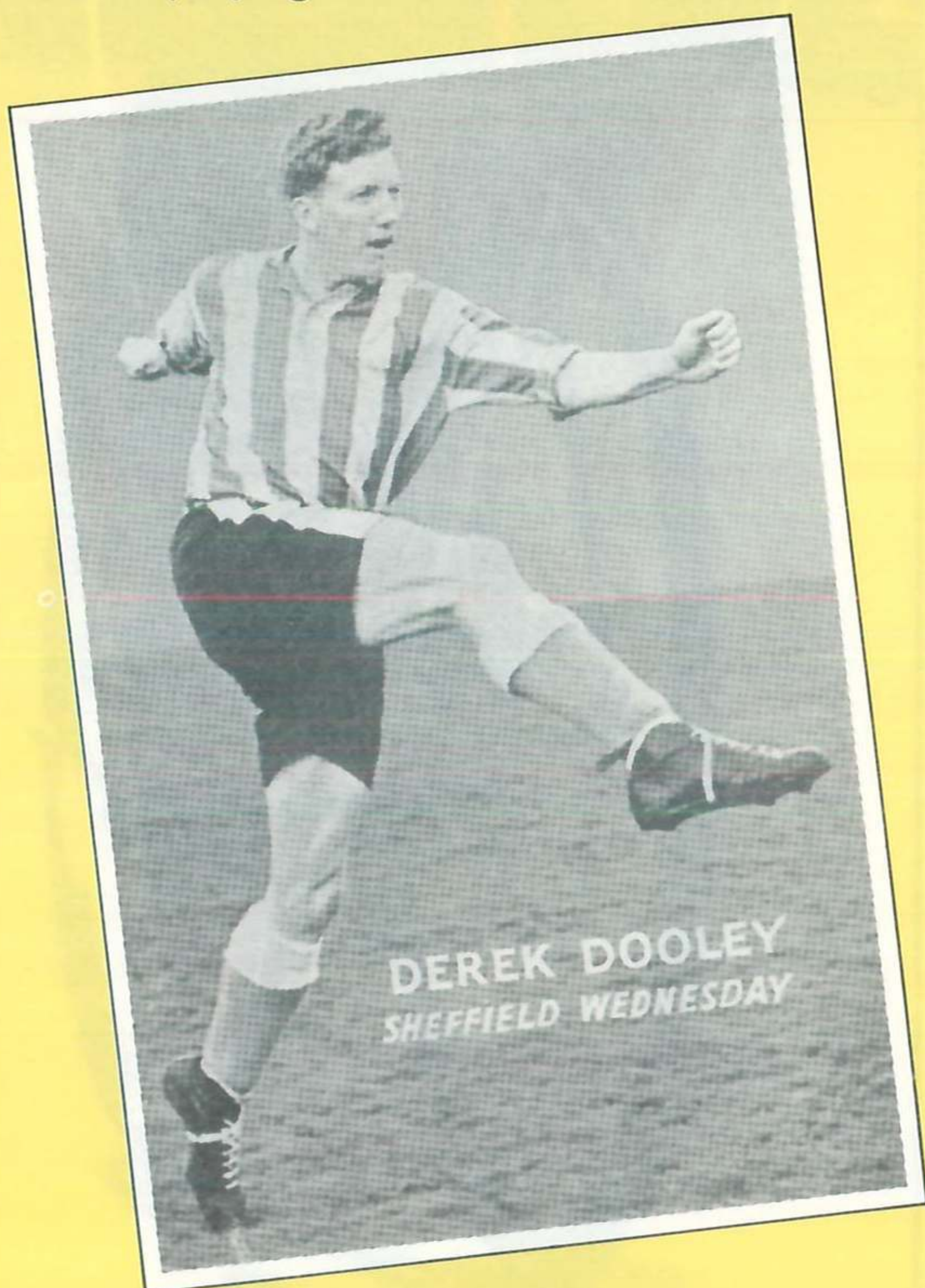


**says
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England manager Ron Greenwood was impressed with the part, hulking Horst Hrubesch played in West Germany's win over Belgium in the European Championship final in Italy in the summer. The 6 ft. 3 in. German scored both goals in the 2-1 victory, the second earning the comment from Greenwood "It was a brilliant header with which to win a game."

Hrubesch was a throw-back to the traditional British centre-forward — tall, courageous, commanding in the air, a target both for long clearances from defence and high centres to the far post.

Greenwood undoubtedly recalled the devastation these centre-forwards could cause in his playing



days as centre-half for Brentford, Chelsea and Fulham. Men like Tommy Lawton, Nat Lofthouse and Ted Drake, were fearless, powerful men, and goal-scoring was their business.

I remember seeing Derek Dooley, the gangling, ginger-haired Sheffield Wednesday forward — now commercial manager of Sheffield United — score a hat-trick at Brentford. Greenwood recalled "His first goal seemed to come off his shin, the second off his knee and the third from a shoulder." Dooley replied "My job was to be in the right spot at the right time and after that it didn't matter how the ball went in."

SMALLER MEN

The great centre-forwards of Greenwood's day were followed by Roy Bentley, Tommy Taylor, Ray Crawford, Bobby Smith, John Charles, Trevor Ford, and more recently, Colin Stein, Martin Chivers and Joe Royle. But even in the 50's and 60's clubs were experimenting with smaller players like Ron Allen, Stan Mortensen, Tom Finney — the greatest of them all, although usually a winger — Bobby Charlton and Johnny Byrne. They could hold the ball and "feed" supporting players.

Spectators loved to see Drake or Lawton going bald-headed for goal, or rising irresistibly over the marking centre-half to head at goal. The "ohs" these methods of attack evoked left no doubt about their popularity.

The increasing emphasis on defence in the 60s made life more and more difficult for them. A man was pulled back from midfield to bolster the centre of the defence and many clubs adopted the continental plan of a sweeper, either behind the back four or just in front. Centre-forwards found themselves up against two defenders, while goal-keepers were given greater protection by referees.

In European club competitions the continentals often showed up the limitations of the high ball to the far post, although defenders were occasionally intimidated, as were Gornik of Poland and Slovan Bratislava by Bobby Smith in Spurs's campaigns in the 60s.

VALUABLE

Yet the traditional British centre-forward can still be a valuable attacking unit, if exploited properly. Greenwood turned to Bob Latchford, the burly striker Everton obtained from Birmingham six years ago. He played in 12 internationals stretching over two years from November 1977 and scored five

goals. But his scoring rate declined and he was discarded when he failed to get a goal in his last five internationals. Yet the remarkable statistic is that of the 12 internationals, of which five were in the World Cup or European Championship, eight were won and only one — the last against Austria — was lost.

Latchford scored 30 League goals for Everton in 1977-8, but the goal-touch deserted him and he had 12 in the following season and six in the next. He fell out of favour with Everton as well.

Ipswich's Paul Mariner is also a flash-back to the past. He is good in the air, brave and powerfully built. In the World Cup tie against Norway at Wembley in September he laid on the second goal for Tony Woodcock by heading back from the far post a centre by Phil Thompson, and crowned his performance with a brilliant goal.

Vying with him as a "throw-back" are Joe Jordan — how many injuries does he get in a season? — Andy Gray, Peter Withe, Mike Ferguson, David Cross and Andy McCulloch. Such is the arduous nature of their job that most have a spell out-of the first team.

There has been a swing to having a sharp, mobile

player to lead the attack, or even leaving the middle vacant for a sudden raid by a player. Men who suit the tactics are Clive Allen and other £1 million men Kevin Reeves, Ian Wallace and Trevor Francis, Ken Dalglish, Phil Boyer — 23 goals last season — Garth Crooks, Bryan Robson and Eric Gates.

They are often assisted by a tall striker who plays clearances off to them. Hamburg secured Hrubesch from Essen to establish a partnership with Kevin Keegan like that between Keegan and John Toshack at Liverpool. It brought them the German championship and might have landed the European Cup if Hrubesch had not been limited by an ankle injury to one half in the final against Nottingham Forest.

Football League clubs, too, have turned to a partnership between a tall target-man and a quick opportunist, good on the ground. Examples are Jordan and Macari, Gray and Richards, Withe and Shaw, Stapleton and Sunderland, Mariner and Gates, Cross and Goddard. They are vital weapons in the eternal battle between attack and defence.

Paul Mariner of Ipswich — a flashback to the old days?



Colin Benson's world of soccer

If you think things are bad here when the inevitable wave of managerial sackings breaks across the League scene, then spare a thought for the men in charge of football clubs in Greece.

I was speaking recently to Frank Blunstone, the former Chelsea winger, who is now coaching with Sheffield Wednesday. Frank spent nine months in Greece last season in charge of Ethnikos and then Aris Salonika, who incidently finished second in the league to Olympiakos.

"In Greece you never know what they are going to do," Blunstone told me. "If you are doing well then everything is okay, but just get one or two bad results and they are liable to fine the players and sack the coach.

"Last season for instance 15 coaches were sacked, and there are only 17 clubs in the league. And the axe did not spare even the coaches of the league champions Olympiakos or the Cup winners Kastoria."

MIND YOU one man who has a soft spot for the Greeks is Ipswich Town's Scottish international John Wark. He scored four times in Town's 5-1 victory over Aris Salonika in the first leg of their UEFA Cup tie and three of the goals came from the penalty spot.

Now it is a nerve racking enough experience to have to take one penalty in front of 20,000 people never mind three, but Wark kept ice cool and converted them all.

"It was the first one that worried me actually," he admitted to me after the match. "But after that I was quite confident they would go in.

"I was confident because the goalkeeper was quite small and I felt that if I hit the ball hard and in the corners, he would not get them.

"The main thing is to concentrate and make sure you strike the ball hard. Don't worry about it, because if you start thinking too much you are liable to miss.

"I usually place my penalties in the bottom left corner but I felt I had to change the last one and put it the other side. As long as you concentrate and strike the ball well the goalkeeper should not save them."

I see BRIAN CLOUGH has openly admitted that selling Archie Gemmill to Birmingham City was the biggest mistake of his football career. "We thought Asa Hartford would fit the bill, but he lasted less time at Forest than I did at Leeds!" explained the Forest boss, who described Jim Smith's buy as "a master stroke."

JUNIOR QUIZ TIME

Test your knowledge on the Rules of the game.

1. What is the maximum permissible width of the lines marking the field?
2. Does the law state what colour the ball should be?
3. If a player who is about to be substituted ignores the instructions to come off. Should the referee order him off?
4. What items should a referee take onto the field of play with him at the start of the game?
5. Is the referee bound to take notice of a linesman who signals that a free-kick should be given?
6. How long should the half-time interval last?
7. May a goal be scored direct from a kick-off?
8. If the ball is half-way over the touch line is it out of play?
9. If a penalty kick is ordered to be retaken for any reason, may a different player have the second attempt?
10. May a goal be scored direct from a corner kick?

ANSWERS 1. 5 inches. 2. No. 3. No it is a private matter between the club and the player. 4. Watch, whistle and a spare, coin to toss, note book and pencil, red and yellow cards where required and of course the ball. 5. No. The referee is the sole judge. 6. 5 minutes unless the referee agrees to a longer period. 7. No. 8. No. The whole of the ball must be over the whole of the line before it is deemed out of play. 9. Yes. 10. Yes.

BOLTON RECORD

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Division One	Home	Away
Arsenal	1-2	0-0
Aston Villa	1-0	0-1
Birmingham	1-1	3-0
Blackburn	3-0	1-3
Burnley	0-0	0-1
Cardiff	2-2	2-3
Chelsea	4-0	0-0
Everton	2-0	2-2
Huddersfield	3-1	0-1
Liverpool	4-1	1-3
Manchester City	0-0	1-1
Middlesbrough	2-0	2-1
Newcastle	0-1	0-1
Nottingham Forest	4-0	0-1
Notts County	7-1	1-1
Preston	0-0	2-0
Sheffield United	4-2	0-0
Sunderland	1-0	2-2
Tottenham	3-1	0-0
W.B.A.	2-0	5-0
West Ham	1-1	1-0

Football League appearances:

Baggett, W. T.	2	Boston, H. J.	6
Butler, W.	36	Chambers, F.	5
Finney, A.	42	Hinton, F.	1
Howarth, R.	36	Howarth, N.	8
Jack, D. B. N.	39	Jack, R. R.	7
Jennings, W.	34	Jones, J. L. M.	1
Longworth, B.	12	Nuttall, H.	30
Pym, R. H.	41	Rowley, W. J.	15
Seddon, J.	28	Simpson, H.	2
Smith, J.	39	Smith, J. R.	32
Vizard, E. T.	40	Walsh, T.	2
Wright, W. B.	4		

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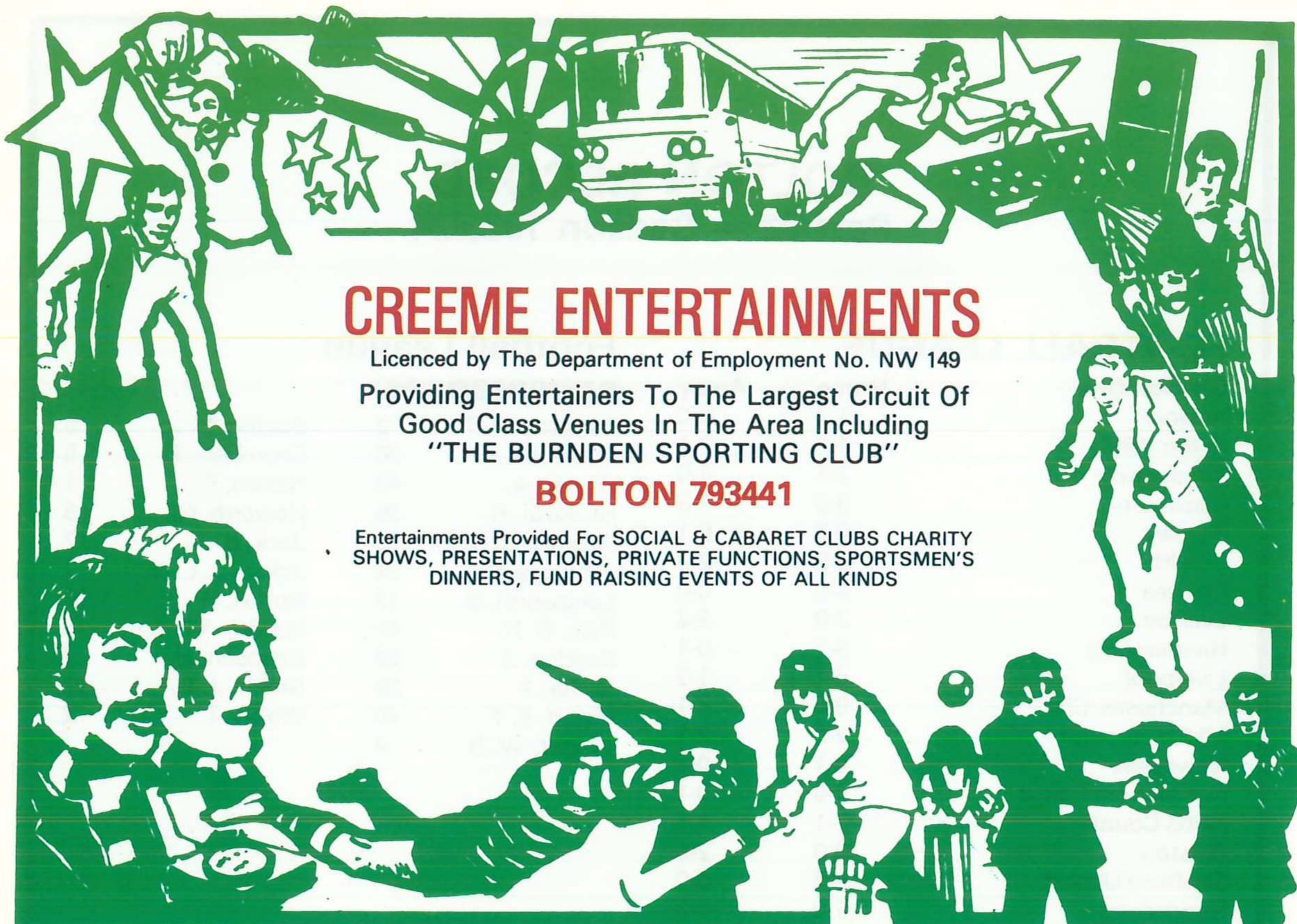
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Rd. 2 — Liverpool (h)	1-4

League goalscorers:

Jack, D. B. N.	24	Smith, J. R.	17
Smith, J.	16	Nuttall	2
Butler	2	Jack, R.	2
Vizard	1	Howarth, J.	1
Simpson	1	Jones	1
Bishop (West Ham Utd)	1		

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	42	23	11	8	60	33	57
CARDIFF CITY	42	22	13	7	61	34	57
SUNDERLAND	42	22	9	11	71	54	53
BOLTON WANDERERS	42	18	14	10	68	34	50
SHEFFIELD UNITED	42	19	12	11	69	49	50
ASTON VILLA	42	18	13	11	52	37	49
EVERTON	42	18	13	11	62	53	49
BLACKBURN ROVERS	42	17	11	14	54	50	45
NEWCASTLE UTD.	42	17	10	15	60	54	44
NOTTS COUNTY	42	14	14	14	44	49	42
MANCHESTER CITY	42	15	12	15	54	71	42
LIVERPOOL	42	15	11	16	49	48	41
WEST HAM UNITED	42	13	15	14	40	43	41
BIRMINGHAM	42	13	13	16	40	48	39
TOTTENHAM H.	42	12	14	16	50	56	38
WEST BROM. ALBION	42	12	14	16	51	62	38
BURNLEY	42	12	12	18	55	60	36
PRESTON NORTH END	42	12	10	20	52	67	34
ARSENAL	42	12	9	21	40	63	33
NOTTINGHAM FOREST	42	10	12	20	42	64	32
CHELSEA	42	9	14	19	31	53	32
MIDDLESBROUGH	42	7	8	27	37	60	22



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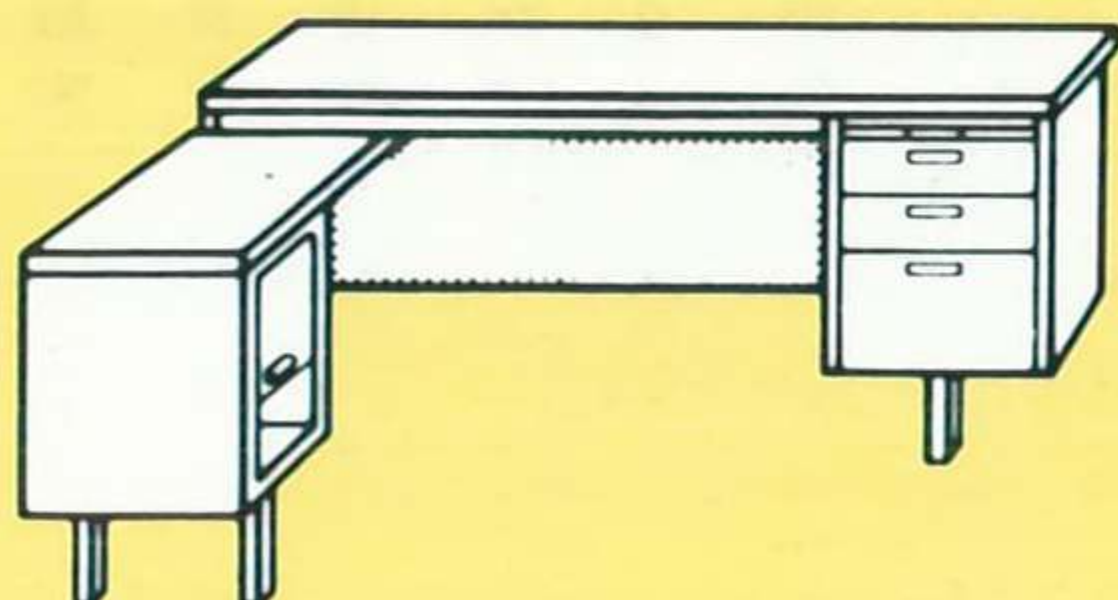
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ACTION

WEST HAM v BOLTON

- A. Alan Gowling gets in a shot despite a challenge at West Ham.
B. Brian Kidd, hidden behind Alan Gowling (11), scores Bolton's goal at West Ham.
C. Peter Reid in the thick of the action at West Ham.
D. Neil Whatmore has his shot blocked by West Ham skipper Billy Bonds.

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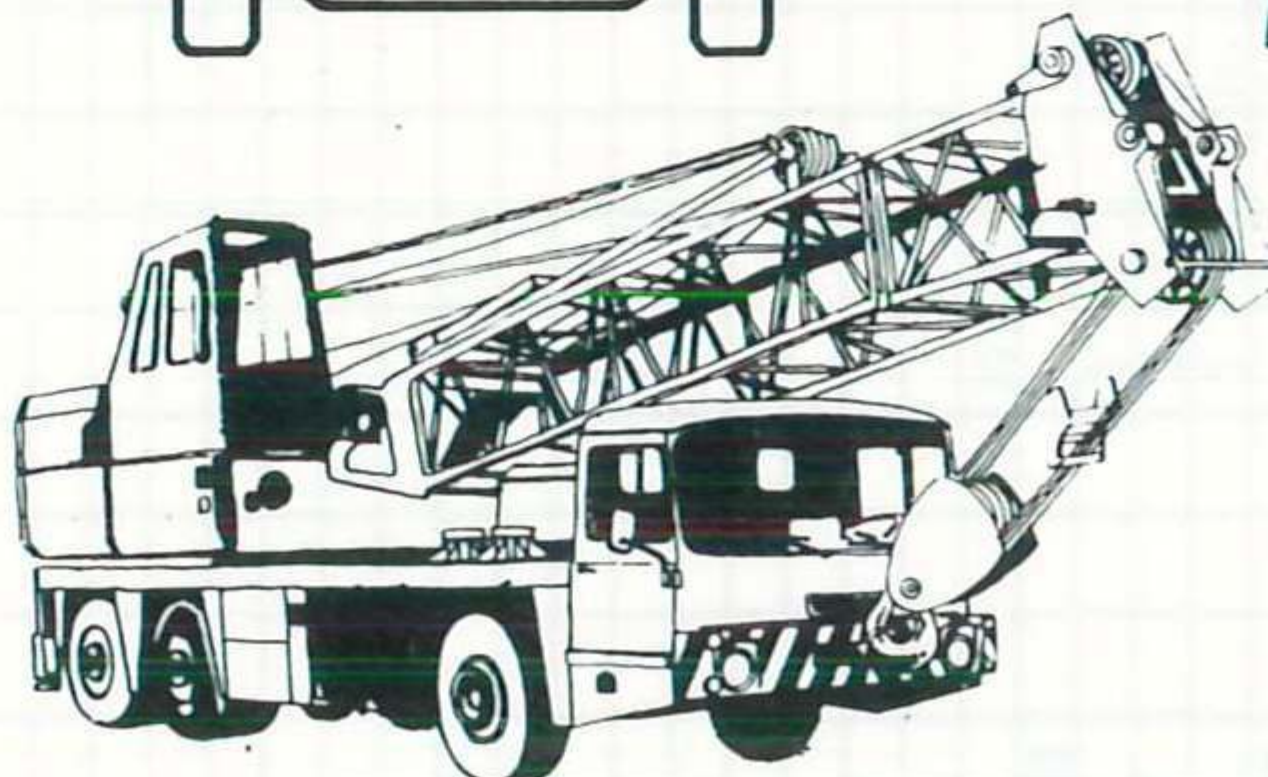
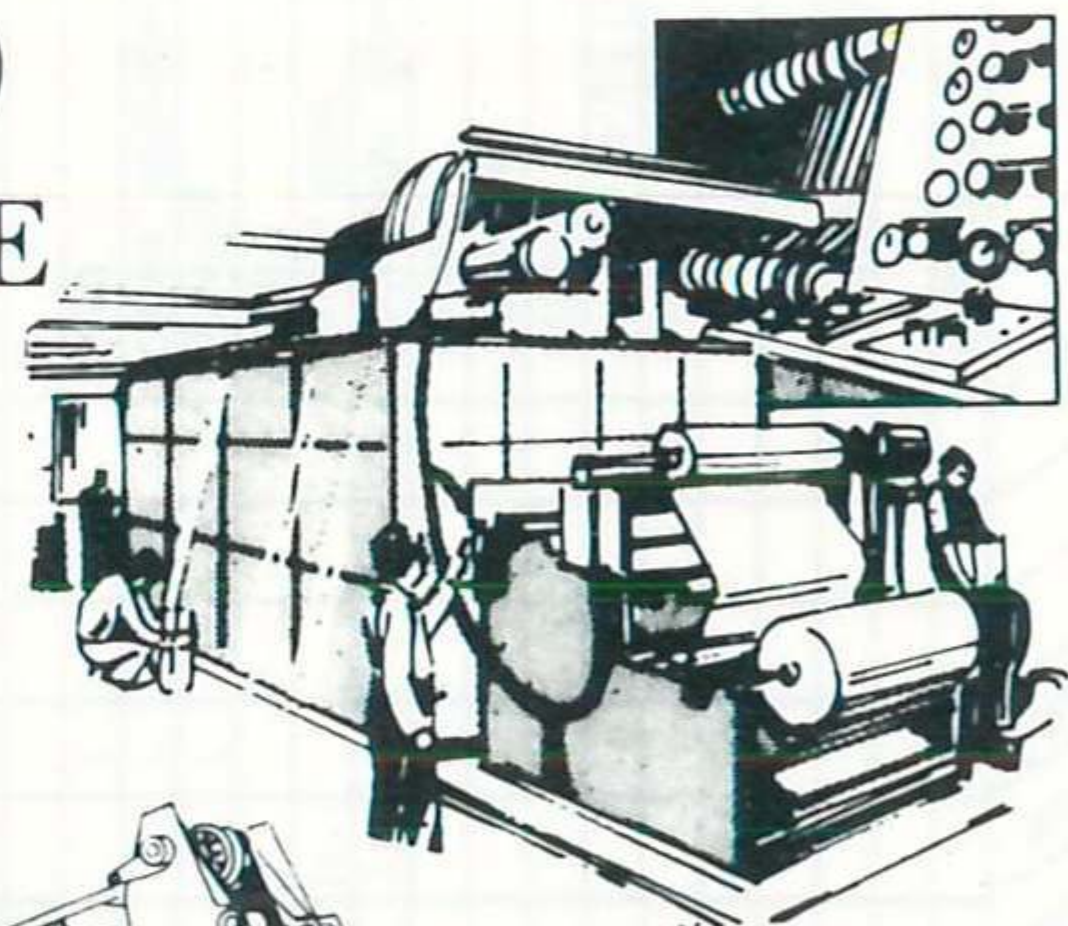
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ACTION FROM BOLTON v PRESTON

- A. Flying through the air, that's Alan Gowling against Preston.
B. Neil Whatmore hits the winner against Preston.



Facts & Figures 1980-81

HOME GAMES
IN CAPITALS

*Denotes
Sub used

		FA	Attn	Peacock	Graham	Burke	Wilson	Jones	Walsh	Gowling	Whatmore	Carter	Kidd	Cantello	Bennett	Hogan	Nowak	Clement	McElhinney	Nicholson	Poole	Thompson	Nikolic	Reid		
Aug.	16	Notts County	1-2	7,459	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12										Whatmore
	19	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	0-0	15,926	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		12									Kidd(3) Whatmore
	23	NEWCASTLE	4-0	11,335	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		12									
	26	L.C. CRYSTAL PALACE	0-3	9,913	1	2	3	4*	5	6	7	8	9	10			11	12*								
	30	Derby County	0-1	17,378	1		3		5	6	7	8	9	10	4		11	12	2							Kidd
Sept.	2	L.C. Crystal Palace	1-2	15,536	1	3		5*	6	7	8	9	10	4			11	12*	2							Griffiths (o.g.) Gowling (pen)
	6	BRISTOL ROVERS	2-0	8,712	1	3	12*		6*	7	8	9	10	4			11	2	5							Walsh
	13	Cardiff	1-1	6,532	1	3	12*	5*	6	9	8		10	4			11	7	2							Whatmore
	20	SWANSEA	1-4	9,419	1	3	9		6	5	8		10	4			11	7	3	12						Cantello
	27	Oldham	1-1	10,174		2	3	12	5	6	9	8		10	4					1	7					Thompson, Gowling
Oct.	4	CHELSEA	2-3	11,888		2	3		5	6	9	8		10	4*					1	7	11				Carter, Kidd
	7	Shrewsbury Town	2-1	5,077		12	3	7	5	6	9		8	10	4					2	1	11*				Kidd
	11	Queens Park Rangers	1-3	8,641			3	7	5	6	9	8	11	10	4	12				2	1					Gowling
	18	BRISTOL CITY	1-1	8,988		2	11		5	6	9	12	8	10	4					3	1		7			Carter, Watmore
	21	PRESTON NORTH END	2-1	10,713		2	3		5	6	11	8	9	10	4		12				1		7			Kidd
	25	West Ham United*	1-2	25,277		2	3		5	6	11	8	9	10	4					12	1		7			
Nov.	1	CAMBRIDGE UNITED																								
	8	Watford																								
	11	Sheffield Wednesday																								
	15	NOTTS COUNTY																								
	22	GRIMSBY TOWN (1)																								
	29	Luton Town																								
Dec.	6	ORIENT																								
	13	Bristol City (2)																								
	19	QUEENS PARK RANGERS																								
	26	Wrexham																								
	27	BLACKBURN ROVERS																								
1981																										
Jan.	3	F.A. Cup 3																								
	10	Grimsby Town																								
	17	DERBY COUNTY																								
	24	F.A. Cup 4																								
	31	Newcastle United																								
Feb.	7	CARDIFF CITY																								
	14	Bristol Rovers (5)																								
	21	OLDHAM ATHLETIC																								
	28	Swansea City																								
Mar.	7	Chelsea (6)																								
	14	SHREWSBURY T. (LCF)																								
	21	Preston North End																								
	28	WEST HAM UNITED																								
Apr.	4	Cambridge United																								
	11	WATFORD (SF)																								
	17																									
	18	Blackburn Rovers																								
	20	WREXHAM																								
	25	Orient																								
May	2	LUTON TOWN																								
	9	F.A. Cup Final																								

Burrnden Dates

FRIENDLY v HAARLEM (HOLLAND)

TUESDAY 4th NOVEMBER 1980

KICK-OFF 7.30 p.m.

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

NOTTS COUNTY

SATURDAY 15th NOVEMBER 1980

KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

(up to and including Saturday 25th October 1980)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	Goals	F	A	Pts
Notts County	14	6	1	0	15	5	4	2	1	7	7	6	23
West Ham United	13	6	0	1	16	5	2	4	0	4	4	2	20
Chelsea	14	3	3	1	15	5	4	2	1	13	10	7	19
Swansea City	14	4	2	1	13	7	3	3	1	11	7	10	19
Blackburn Rovers	14	6	1	0	13	2	2	2	3	7	7	10	19
Sheffield Wednesday	14	6	1	0	14	4	1	3	3	7	12	18	
Orient	14	4	1	2	11	4	1	3	3	9	13	14	
Derby County	13	3	2	1	12	9	2	2	3	7	11	14	
Newcastle United	14	3	3	1	7	5	2	1	4	5	17	14	
Wrexham	14	3	1	3	8	7	2	2	3	5	6	13	
Cambridge United	14	4	0	3	12	8	2	1	4	5	11	13	
Bolton Wanderers	14	3	2	2	12	9	1	2	4	7	11	12	
Watford	13	5	1	1	11	7	0	1	5	5	11	12	
Luton Town	14	2	3	2	8	8	2	1	4	7	10	12	
Preston North End	14	2	4	1	6	4	1	2	4	4	12	12	
Oldham Athletic	14	3	3	1	6	2	0	2	5	4	12	11	
Shrewsbury Town	14	3	2	2	11	9	0	3	4	2	9	11	
Cardiff City	14	4	1	2	11	8	1	0	6	4	13	11	
Grimsby Town	14	2	4	1	3	2	0	3	4	3	11	11	
Queens Park Rangers	14	3	2	2	12	4	0	2	5	6	11	10	
Bristol City	14	2	3	2	7	6	0	2	5	3	11	9	
Bristol Rovers	13	0	5	1	6	7	0	2	5	2	13	7	

TODAYS REFEREE

PARTRIDGE, PAT (Cockfield, Co. Durham). Commenced refereeing with Durham F.A. in 1953 and continued via the Northern League to the Football League List in 1966. Was appointed to the F.I.F.A. and U.E.F.A. Referees Panels in 1971. Has handled many important matches including the 1975 F.A. Cup Final, and the same year a European Cup Winners Cup Semi-Final. Lined the 1971 Football League and European Cup Finals, and has refereed a number of Football League and F.A. Cup Semi-Finals. Refereed the World Club Cup Final in 1976 and the European Cup Winners Cup Final in 1977. The League Cup Final in 1978; officiated in Argentina in the World Cup and the European Championships in 1980.

Married, he is a farmer, interested in gardening and collecting book matches and neck-ties. A past President of the Association of Football League Referees and Linesmen, he is an F.A. Referee Staff Instructor and has lectured on the Laws of the Game in Japan, Brazil, Kuwait, India and other countries. Appointed as a Justice of the Peace in 1979.

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CENTRAL LEAGUE

1980-81	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1981 Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
CENTRAL LEAGUE										
SHEFFIELD WED.	16	20	27	30	3	10	13	14	22	31
Manchester United	27	30	13	20	24	27	4	11	14	25
Coventry City	30	3	13	20	24	27	4	11	14	25
Manchester City	3	13	20	24	27	4	11	14	25	28
Bury	13	20	24	27	4	11	14	25	28	7
NOTTINGHAM F.	27	4	11	14	18	25	29	7	14	21
Liverpool	4	11	14	18	25	29	7	14	21	24
LEEDS UNITED	7	14	18	25	29	7	14	21	24	4
WEST BROM A.	11	14	18	25	29	7	14	21	24	11
STOKE CITY	14	18	25	29	7	14	21	24	4	11
Preston N.E.	18	25	29	7	14	21	24	4	11	18
HUDDERSFIELD T.	25	29	7	14	21	24	4	11	18	25
Blackpool	29	7	14	21	24	4	11	18	25	2
BURNLEY	8	11	15	22	29	6	10	17	24	31
MANCHESTER UNITED	11	15	22	29	6	10	17	24	31	3
Sheffield W.	15	22	29	6	10	17	24	31	3	10
Aston Villa	22	29	6	10	17	24	31	3	10	13
Derby County	24	29	6	10	17	24	31	3	10	14
WOLVERHAMPTON W.	29	6	10	17	24	31	3	10	14	22
Sheffield United	2	9	13	20	23	27	3	10	14	22
NEWCASTLE UNITED	9	13	20	23	27	3	10	14	22	31
BLACKPOOL	13	20	23	27	3	10	14	22	31	14
Leeds United	20	23	27	3	10	14	22	31	14	22
DERBY COUNTY	23	27	3	10	14	22	31	14	22	31
Everton	27	3	10	14	22	31	14	22	31	14
ASTON VILLA	3	10	14	22	31	14	22	31	14	22
COVENTRY CITY	10	14	22	31	14	22	31	14	22	31
Blackburn Rovers	14	22	31	14	22	31	14	22	31	14
Stoke City	22	31	14	22	31	14	22	31	14	22
MANCHESTER CITY	31	14	22	31	14	22	31	14	22	31
Newcastle United	14	22	31	14	22	31	14	22	31	14
Nottingham Forest	25	28	7	14	21	24	4	11	18	25
BURY	28	7	14	21	24	4	11	18	25	2
LIVERPOOL	7	14	21	24	4	11	18	25	2	9
West Bromwich A.	14	21	24	4	11	18	25	2	9	17
PRESTON N.E.	21	24	4	11	18	25	2	9	17	18
Huddersfield Town	24	4	11	18	25	2	9	17	18	21
SHEFFIELD UNITED	4	11	18	25	2	9	17	18	21	25
Burnley	11	18	25	2	9	17	18	21	25	2
EVERTON	18	25	2	9	17	18	21	25	2	9
BLACKBURN ROVERS	25	2	9	17	18	21	25	2	9	17
Wolverhampton W.	2	9	17	18	21	25	2	9	17	18

FACTS & FIGURES

TEAM CHECK

Bolton Wanderers

- 1 Terry Poole
- 2 Mike Graham
- 3 Dave Burke
- 4 Len Cantello
- 5 Paul Jones
- 6 Mike Walsh
- 7 Peter Reid
- 8 Neil Whatmore
- 9 Mike Carter
- 10 Brian Kidd
- 11 Alan Gowling
- 12



- 1 Richard Key
- 2 Dave Donaldson
- 3 Jamie Murray
- 4 Lindsay Smith
- 5 Steve Fallon
- 6 Roger Gibbins
- 7 John Lyons
- 8 Steve Spriggs
- 9 George Reilly
- 10 Tom Finney
- 11 Derrick Christie
- 12

Cambridge United

Referee:

P. Partridge (Cockfield, Co. Durham)

Linesmen:

D. R. Farrall (Nantwich) (Red Flag)

K. G. Fawcett (Kendall) (Yellow Flag)

HALF TIME SCOREBOARD

A	ARSENAL BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION		
B	ASTON VILLA LEICESTER CITY		
C	COVENTRY CITY LEEDS UNITED		
D	CRYSTAL PALACE MANCHESTER UNITED		
E	EVERTON TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR		
F	IPSWICH TOWN WEST BROMWICH ALBION		
G	MANCHESTER CITY NORWICH CITY		
H	MIDDLESBROUGH BIRMINGHAM CITY		
I	NOTTINGHAM FOREST SOUTHAMPTON		
J	STOKE CITY LIVERPOOL		
K	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS SUNDERLAND		
L			
M	BLACKBURN ROVERS SWANSEA CITY		
N	BRISTOL ROVERS WEST HAM UNITED		
O	DERBY COUNTY SHREWSBURY TOWN		
P	GRIMSBY TOWN QUEENS PARK RANGERS		
Q	LUTON TOWN SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY		
R	NEWCASTLE UNITED WATFORD		
S	OLDHAM ATHLETIC PRESTON NORTH END		
T	ORIENT BRISTOL CITY		
U	WREXHAM NOTTS COUNTY		
V	SWINDON TOWN BURNLEY		
W	AFC BOURNEMOUTH WIGAN ATHLETIC		
X	ROCHDALE MANSFIELD TOWN		



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